(b) whether Government have launched any special schemes to dissuade child labourer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Authentic information on child labour is generated by the decennial census. According to the 1991 census, the number of working children in the State of Orissa is 4,52,394. Figures of the 2001 census are awaited.

(b) The Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the benefit of child labour withdrawn from work, namely the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) and the scheme of Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. Under these schemes, special schools/ centres have been set up with provision for non-formal/formal education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health care etc. So far, NCLPs have been sanctioned in 18 districts in the State of Orissa for coverage of 38,450 children through 690 special schools.

Workers in salt industry in Gujarat

1295. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers deployed by the contractors in salt industry in Gujarat;

(b) whether any agreement is signed between the contractors and the management regarding the working conditions and wages of workers;

(c) if so, the total emoluments fixed to be paid to the workers deployed by contractors in different categories;

(d) whether the workers are being' paid in accordance with the agreement by the contractors; and

(e) if not, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) As per the information available, the total number of workers deployed by the contractors in salt industry in Gujarat is 3,961 through 172 contractors.

(b) No Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) Government have enacted Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970, the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 etc. for protecting the interests of workers. Under the provisions of these Acts, Inspectors have been appointed to inspect the establishments, attending the complaints about violation and launching the prosecutions, if necessary against the defaulting employers/contractors.

Industrial Growth of Orissa

†1296. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa has set a target of eight per cent Industrial growth to catch up with the National average;

(b) whether the State has laid emphasis on agro-based and small industries that generate more jobs; and

(c) the assistance rendered by the Centre to the State to catch up with the developed States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The State Government have proposed an increase of ten per cent in the number of industries over the previous year.

(b) The State Government have laid emphasis on agro-based and small industries in the Industrial Policy Resolution - 2001. Agro-based industries have been regarded as priority sector industries and are eligible for interest subsidy. Marketing support in Government procurement and marketing syndication facility have been specially given to small-scale industries.

(c) The State Government have received assistance from the Central Government for establishment of Growth Centres and Integrated Infrastructure Development Centres.

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